

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2-6 have been rewritten to independent form, each incorporating the limitations of claim 1, and claim 1 has been canceled.

Further, claims 16-19 have been rewritten to independent form, each to incorporate the limitations of independent claim 15, which has been canceled.

Claim 23 is canceled.

Further, new claims 24-34 are added, each directed to "A computer-readable recording medium..." and of which claims 20-28 and 31-34 are independent and claims 29 and 30 are dependent. Claims 24-30 more particularly correspond to claims 2-8, respectively, and claims 31-34 correspond to claims 16-19.

STATUS OF CLAIMS AFTER ENTRY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the cancellation of claims 1, 15, 20, and 23 and rewriting of their respective dependent claims to independent form, all of the remaining pending claims herein and the new claims are allowable.

There being no other objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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